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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

The Dominican Republic Situation Report  
(Report as of 6:00 AM EST)

1. Garcia Godoy has expressed concern over the possibility of violence erupting today as a result of the general strike called by leftist and Communist led groups. The OAS Committee has requested that the Inter-American Peace Force (IAPF) be put on alert. The regular Dominican military has said it will not tolerate a strike, but the course of action it will adopt is not yet clear. The armed forces may wait to see if the strike gains momentum.

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2. It is not yet clear how successful the strike will be, since it does not have the backing of Bosch's Dominican Revolutionary Party (PRD) or the Autonomous Confederation of Christian Trade Unions (CASC), the country's second largest labor group.

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Non-Communist strike leaders including Caamano, his political advisor Hector Aristy, and Revolutionary Social Christian Party leader Caonabo Javier met yesterday afternoon to develop arguments to bring Bosch into support of the strike. It is possible that if this trio is unsuccessful they may back out. In any event, it is unlikely that the walkout will take hold outside of Santo Domingo and some south coast sugar towns, and even in these areas the public may not support a strike over political issues. In Santo Domingo, Communists appear ready to agitate for the walkout, and

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they will probably intimidate some workers into staying out.

3. Yesterday afternoon the provisional regime requested US visas for nine rebel officers, including Caamano, and for Army Chief of Staff Martinez Arana and Air Force Chief of Staff de los Santos. The regular military leaders apparently feared this move was the forerunner of their forcible ouster, and alerts were ordered in the downtown Santo Domingo army headquarters, San Isidro Air Base and Santiago. By late in the evening, however, the alert had been relaxed. Meanwhile, the wives of several rebel officers, including Mrs. Montes Arache, appeared last night at the 27th of February camp with suitcases in hand, possibly to await the departure of their husbands.

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